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**SF 383** – Domestic Abuse Victims, Voter Registration, Confidentiality (LSB1499SV)  
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**Description**

**Senate File 383** establishes an address confidentiality program in the Secretary of State's Office for victims of domestic abuse, domestic abuse assault, sexual abuse, and stalking. The Secretary of State's Office will assign a designated address where all mail for the program participant is sent. A program participant is certified for four years unless the certification is canceled, withdrawn, or invalidated. In addition, a program participant, who is otherwise eligible to vote, may annually register with the state commissioner of elections as an absentee voter.

**Background**

According to the Criminal Juvenile Planning Division, in FY 2014, there were a total of 23,102 no-contact and protective orders issued.

- No-Contact Orders – 15,291
- Protective Orders – 3,201
- Temporary Protective Orders – 4,610

According to the Criminal Juvenile Planning Division, in FY 2014, there were a total of 3,460 convictions for domestic abuse, domestic abuse assault, sexual abuse, and stalking.

- Sex Abuse - 639 convictions
- Stalking - 45 convictions
- Domestic Abuse Assault - 2,768 convictions
- Domestic Abuse - 8 convictions

**Assumptions**

- The Secretary of State's Office estimates approximately 150 program participants the first year and 500 in the second year.
- Seventy-five percent of the program participants will request absentee ballots (112 absentee ballots in the first year and 375 absentee ballots in the second year).
- Participants will vote in three elections per year (two statewide and one special).
- Priority express mail postage costs \$19.99 each.
- The estimated cost to mail absentee ballots is approximately \$4,500 in the first year and \$22,500 in the second year.
- Certified mail costs \$6.48 each. The certified mailing costs are estimated to be approximately \$1,600 in the first year and \$3,200 in the second year.
- No new programming costs are required for the IVoters System.
- The cost of an Administrative Assistant I is \$72,000 for FY 2016 and \$70,000 for FY 2017. This includes a one-time support cost of \$5,000 in FY 2016.
- The printing costs for promotional brochures and information packets are estimated to be \$5,200 in the first year and \$6,700 in the second year.
- The Child Support Recovery Unit in the Department of Human Services will incur one-time costs for IT programming and staff time totaling an estimated \$69,000 of which \$24,600 is the State share. The Department plans to redirect priorities to absorb the costs within their current budget.

**Fiscal Impact**

The Program takes effect July 1, 2015. This Bill is estimated to increase General Fund expenditures to the Secretary of State's Office as follows:

**Estimated Fiscal Impact  
Secretary of State's Office**

	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>
Absentee Voting Mail Costs	\$ 4,500	\$ 22,500
Certified Mailing Costs	1,600	3,200
Printing Costs	5,200	6,700
Staffing For 1.0 FTE Position	72,000	70,000
	<u>\$ 83,300</u>	<u>\$ 102,400</u>

**Sources**

Criminal Juvenile Justice Planning Division  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Department of Human Services

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.

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